

Non-govt teachers' registration certificate gets lifetime validity

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NON-GOVERNMENT teachers' registration certificates will remain valid for lifetime instead of five years.

The education ministry issued a gazette notification extending the period of the validity of the certificates to lifetime on June 13.

Nearly one lakh people holding the registration certificates would be benefited by the decision, education ministry officials said.

The Non-Government

Teachers' Registration and Certification Authority Act 2005 made the registration certificate mandatory to be a teacher at non-government secondary school, madrassah and colleges.

The applicants need to obtain the certificate through a 200-mark written test conducted by Non-government Teachers Recruitment and Certification Authority.

Several thousand teachers, who had obtained the certificate in the registration exams held in 2005 and

2006, were recruited at non-government schools and colleges in 2011 and 2012, but could not be enrolled in the monthly pay order as the validity of their certificates had already expired, said a joint-secretary of the education ministry.

Bangladesh College Principals' Council chief Mazharul Hannan welcomed the new decision.

He said, 'The certificate one obtained through a written test should not have any limited validity. Hundreds of registration cer-

tificate holders will benefit from the new gazette notification.'

Earlier, in 2012, the parliamentary standing committee on education ministry had recommended that the validity of the certificate should be extended to lifetime.

The 2005 act was enacted aiming at curbing corruption in teachers' recruitment and ensuring quality of teaching staffs.

Section 10(2) of the act stipulates that a person, who is not registered with,

and certified by, the authority, will not be eligible for recruitment as a teacher at non-government secondary school, madrassah and colleges.

The authority arranges a 200-marks written test once in a year and the qualified candidates are given a certificate.

There are nearly 34,000 non-government educational institutions which offer secondary and higher secondary education and these institutions have more than 4 lakh teachers.